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## Corps announces dates for Lower Granite Lock outage

**Walla Walla, Wash., --** The Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced today that the outage period for the Lower Granite Lock and Dam miter gate repair will be Jan. 28 - April 29, 2002.

The decision was made to move the date for the outage forward to accommodate shippers and river users concerns on the dates originally chosen for the outage. At a meeting held May 24, commercial river users asked the Corps to delay the four-month outage until later in the year.

"After careful consideration of all the information received, the lock outage was moved forward three weeks and the outage period shortened," said Bob Hollenbeck, project manager for the Lower Granite gate repair project.

The repairs to the lock are due to cracks in the gate that were discovered in 1998 during an annual inspection. Upon the discovery of the cracks, shippers were notified and the Corps has been monitoring the cracks and preparing for the gate repair project.

"Our foremost concern is safety and that the job is done well and on schedule," said Hollenbeck. "This outage will affect river users and in particular the cities of Clarkston and Lewiston. We intend to do the job as safely and quickly as possible to minimize the impacts," he said.

Lower Granite Lock and Dam went into service in 1975. The lock gate is 123 feet high and weighs 372 tons.

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